

What is claimed is:

1. A method for managing a plurality of network devices comprising the steps of;

5 setting identification information to said network device
by assigning identification information to each network device
by means of management equipment;

 outputting said identification information visually on
said network device; and

10 indicating the network device with the identifier which is
the same as said identification information onto a screen for
network device management in said management equipment.

15 2. The method for managing a plurality of network devices
according to claim 1 wherein said setting step comprises the
steps of;

 retrieving a database having said identification
information related to each network device; and

 assigning said identification information automatically to
said network device.

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3. The method for managing a plurality of network devices
according to claim 1 wherein said outputting step comprises the
step of;

25 displaying said identification information onto an
operation panel of said network device.

4. The method for managing a plurality of network devices

according to claim 3 wherein said identifier comprises a primary identifier and a secondary identifier respectively includes a color and letter.

5 5. A network management system having a plurality of network devices connected to management equipment through a network, comprises;

 said management equipment for assigning identification information to each network device and setting to said each network
10 device; and

 said plurality of network devices for visually outputting said identification information assigned thereto,

 wherein said management equipment indicates said network device onto a screen for network device management using the
15 identifier which is the same as said identification information.

 6. The network device management system according to claim 5 wherein said management equipment retrieves a database having identification information related to each network device for
20 automatically assigning a retrieved identification information to each network device.

 7. The network device management system according to claim 5 wherein said network device management system displays said
25 identification information onto an operation panel of said network device.

8. The network device management system according to claim
5 wherein said network device is a printer and said management
equipment is a server.

5 9. A network device management equipment for managing a
plurality of network devices through a network comprising:

a management unit for assigning identification information
to each network device and setting to said network device to
output visual indication onto said network device;

10 a user interface unit for indicating the network device
information onto a network device management screen using the
identical information to said identification information.

10. The network device management equipment according to
15 claim 9 wherein said management unit retrieves a database having
identification information related to each network device for
automatically assigning said identification information to each
network device.

20 11. The network device management equipment according to
claim 10 wherein said identifier comprises a primary identifier
and a secondary identifier respectively consisting of color and
letter.